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1. WIRED: DANGER ROOM:

[Satellites Spot China's Mysterious New Warplane](#): "A week after the publication of blurry photographs depicting what appears to be China's first long-range jet transport, Danger Room has obtained satellite imagery of the new plane at an airfield in central China."

[Iran Unveils Copycat Arsenal](#): "Almost all of Iran's "new" weaponry — including jet fighters, 'copters, warships, tanks, missiles and other equipment — is a copy of a much older American, British, Russian, Chinese or North Korean design. But that doesn't mean all of Tehran's weapons suck. Far from it."

[Missile Threats Prompt More Countries to Eye Patriot Interceptors](#): "The makers of one of the world's most advanced missile interceptors aren't worried about shrinking defense budgets. These are boom times for Patriot missiles."

2. INFORMATION DISSEMINATION:

[One Thing I'll Be Watching in 2013](#): "INSURV has become a huge shell game within the surface force, so we must start with the fact that change is necessary, because what exists is not working and it was well documented by the Fleet Review Panel of Surface Force Readiness (also known as the Balisle Report) to be a shell game."

3. SMALL WARS JOURNAL:

[Bleeding Talent](#): "Kane sees some of the major issues are that talented members have no control over their careers and that the seniority-based up-or-out system is largely talent blind."

4. USNI:

[History is Dead; Long Live History](#): "Am I saying that that history gives us no lessons to learn from? Am I saying that we live in such unique times that all that's come before is irrelevant? Not quite. I will use this blog to expand on my sentiment, and hopefully give some insight into what I consider the defining theme of the current Era."

5. OTHER BLOGS (Rotating, based on relevant content)

AOL DEFENSE:

[Crafting A Pacific Attack & Defense Enterprise: The Strategic Quadrangle](#): "The pivot to the Pacific started more than a century ago. The United States first became a Pacific power in 1898, the year the US first annexed Hawaii and then gained Guam and the Philippines (as well as Puerto Rico) from Spain after a 'short, victorious war.'"

BUSINESS INSIDER:

[Infographic Shows With Stunning Clarity How Domestic Drone Use Is The New Normal](#): "Police use them, journalists use them, even the folks at Occupy Wall Street used them. The Federal Aviation Administration recently leapt through several flaming hoops to write rules and regulations for drone use in domestic skies."

CNN SECURITY CLEARANCE:

[Nations prepare for cyber war](#): "Security analysts are predicting that 2013 is when nation-sponsored cyberwarfare goes mainstream - and some think such attacks will lead to actual deaths."

THE DEW LINE:

[Falklands rhetoric - calm down, folks](#): "Armchair generals and bathtub admirals delight in warning how the UK's armed forces could not mount a repeat of the famous campaign down south with today's resources."

[Air Force Plans For Counterinsurgency Fleet Is In Tatters](#): "A few years back when counterinsurgency was all the rage and building the security capacity of partner countries was considered an important U.S. strategic goal, the Air Force came up with a plan to acquire a fleet of light attack and transport aircraft."

THE NAVAL DIPLOMAT:

[Destined To Fail: China's Soft Power Push](#): "...even as China inaugurated its first organization dedicated to enhancing Beijing's soft power, a number of disparate events in China were illustrating why the CCP's charm offensive is doomed to fail."

NAVAL DRONES:

[Dronenets and Navy Logistics](#): "The primary constraints to this sort of idea taking off in the civilian sector are hardware and network standards, plus, some likely hesitance on the part of the general public to have quadrotors full of Chinese food deliveries zooming over their neighborhoods."

NAVY LIVE

[USS Monitor Sailors Serve As Examples For Today's Sailors](#): "The legacy of these Sailors is a shining example for today's Sailors to follow and emulate. The Sailors of the Monitor were shipmates in the truest sense of the word. They fought together. They trained together. They sailed together in treacherous waters. Ultimately, four officers and 12 enlisted Sailors sacrificed their lives trying to save each other and their ship."

TIME MAGAZINE BATTLELAND BLOG:

[Senate Shoots Down Wayward Navy Pilot's Promotion to Admiral](#): "It appears the Navy's nomination of a one-time F-14 pilot who deliberately shot down a U.S. Air Force plane 25 years ago won't make admiral, as the Navy had recommended."